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TAGS: UNWFC, OCON

SUBJECT: THIRD WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND PREPCOM

1. THROUGH HANNAH'S UN OFFICE WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED WFC  
PREPCOM SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9-13 ROME AND WFC ITSELF SET  
FOR MANILA JUNE 20-24.

2. DATES PLANNED FOR PREPCOM SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER,  
STRONGLY QUESTION ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING WFC DURING WEEK  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FAO COUNCIL (JUNE 16-17). NUMEROUS  
COMMITTEES (CFA, CWFS, CCP, ETC.) WILL BE REPORTING TO FAO  
COUNCIL AND COUNCIL'S OWN VIEWS ON THESE REPORTS WILL  
BE OF INTEREST TO WFC. PROPOSED SCHEDULE ALLOWS NO TIME  
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FOR CAPITALS TO REACT TO OUTCOME FAO COUNCIL. ADDITIONALLY,  
MANY OFFICIALS ATTENDING FAO COUNCIL WOULD BE UNABLE ASSIST  
THEIR MINISTERS IN PREPARING FOR WFC SESSION.

3. LA MEMBERS WFC WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL PROBLEM IN  
PREPARING FOR JUNE 20-24 SESSION SINCE 7TH COUNCIL OF  
AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS OF HEMISPHERE IS SCHEDULED FOR

JUNE 6-11 IN SAN SALVADOR.

4. REQUEST FODAG DETERMINE WHETHER WFC SESSION CAN BE DELAYED UNTIL WEEK JULY 11 IN ORDER ALLOW GOVERNMENTS AND SECRETARIAT BECOME BETTER PREPARED FOR DEBATE. REALIZE REQUEST MIGHT CAUSE SOME HOST GOVERNMENT DIFFICULTY BUT FEEL CERTAIN PHILIPPINES WILL DESIRE ARRANGEMENTS CONDUCTIVE TO CONSTRUCTIVE SESSION.

5. SINCE PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY HERE WITH REGARD BOTH WFC MEETINGS, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING IF HARRY WALTERS ANTICIPATES WASHINGTON VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE.  
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